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# Transient, Non-Community Public Water Systems

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Water Protection Program fact sheet

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The Department of Natural Resources' Water Protection Program has set the following guidelines for anyone planning to open a business that will serve water to the public. These guidelines apply only to transient, non-community public water systems.

A **transient, non-community public water system** is a facility that is not a community water system, which has at least 15 service connections or regularly serves an average of at least 25 individuals daily at least 60 days out of the year and do not purchase their water from another public water system.

## **Guidelines For Transient, Non-Community Public Water Systems:**

- Serving water includes drinking water, ice and beverages made from water such as coffee, tea and fountain sodas, and use in preparation of food that will not be cooked.
- Transient, non-community wells used to dispense water to the public must be constructed in accordance with the "1982 Non-Community Well Design Guide" and be certified by the department's Geological Survey and Resources Assessment Division (GSRAD). For a copy of the well design guide, contact the department's Water Protection Program. For certification information, contact GSRAD at (573) 368-2100.
- Private wells constructed for homes do not meet transient, non-community well construction standards.
- A transient, non-community public water system must apply in writing to the department's Drinking Water Program for a permit to dispense water to the public.
- Transient, non-community public water systems are required to submit well water samples for bacteriological analysis monthly and nitrate analysis annually. Additional testing may be required by the department.

## **For more information**

For more information regarding transient, non-community public water system regulations, please contact the department's Water Protection Program at (573) 751-1300.

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